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CLEARINGHOUSE RULE 17-061

Comments

[NOTE: All citations to “Manual” in the comments below are to the Administrative Rules Procedures Manual, prepared by the Legislative Reference Bureau and the Legislative Council Staff, dated December 2014.]

2. Form, Style and Placement in Administrative Code

a. In SECTION 11, in s. NR 8.045 (1) (intro.), internal references should be modified. Specifically, “this sub.” should be replaced with “this subsection”, and “par.’s” should be replaced with “paragraphs”. [See s. 1.07 (2), Manual.] In addition, in s. NR 8.045 (1) (c) (intro.), statutory references should be revised to use a single “ss.” before a list of multiple references, as is done in the first set of statutory references in that provision. Also, s. NR 8.045 (1) should end in a colon.

b. SECTION 16 should be modified to have underscored material immediately follow stricken material. [See s. 1.06 (1) (a), Manual.] Additionally, the treatment in this section should refer to s. NR 10.08 (title) rather than (intro.).

c. In SECTION 17, in s. NR 10.08 (7) (L), “par.” should be replaced with “paragraph”. [See s. 1.07 (2), Manual.]

d. SECTIONS 30 and 31 could be treated together in a single SECTION, as could SECTIONS 36 and 38. [See s. 1.04 (2), Manual.]

e. In SECTION 33, it appears use of sub. (1) is unnecessary. Following additional treatments to s. NR 10.106 in SECTION 34, there do not appear to be other subsections of s. NR 10.106.

f. In SECTION 56, s. NR 20.07 (6) should be revised to end each subdivision in either a colon or a period.

5. Clarity, Grammar, Punctuation and Use of Plain Language

a. In SECTION 11, in s. NR 8.045 (2), is it clear what is required, given the absence of alternatives? In addition, in s. NR 8.045 (3) (intro.), what does it mean for a reprint to be “established”?

b. Throughout SECTION 17, “species in s. NR 10.085” could be made clearer. For example, it could be replaced with “species enumerated in s. NR 10.085 (1)”. Also, in s. NR 10.08 (7) (f), “which” should be replaced with “that” in the first sentence.

c. In SECTION 18, a period is missing in s. NR 10.085 (1) (j). Also, in s. NR 10.085 (7), “an” should be added before “elk” in the first sentence.

d. SECTION 29R should be modified to provide a clear antecedent for “their”. For example, “their” could be replaced with “the landowner’s”.

e. In several instances throughout the rule (e.g., in SECTION 30), “carcass” appears to be used as a plural noun. If the word “carcass” is a singular noun, it should be preceded with “a” in those instances.

f. In SECTION 31, what is meant by the requirement that the hide and lower legs must “accompany” a deer, bear, or elk?

g. In SECTION 40, the comma after “possession” should be removed.

h. In SECTION 49, “s.” should be inserted before “NR 10.08 (7)”.